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Por: ENERGY GENERATING SHELTER SYSTEM AND

METHOD

Examiner: Phi Dieu Tran A

## DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.131(a)

Mail Stop AMENDMENT Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandría, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

I. Steve Durham, the Applicant in the above-identified patent application, declare as follows:

- 1. That sometime prior to August 6, 2002, Applicant conceived and reduced to practice the Energy Generating Shelter System and Method as disclosed and claimed in the aboveidentified patent application. Exhibit A includes a notarized statement from the Applicant indicating the date of invention, prior to August 6, 2002;
- 2. That the Energy Generating Shelter System and Method conceived and reduced to practice prior to August 6, 2002 included a canopy defining a sheltered area thereunder, the sheltered area including at least one vehicle parking space. The canopy including an upper surface having a first photovoltaic device, a lower surface having a second photoelectric device, and a light emitting diode device, wherein the first and second photovoltaic devices are capable of producing an electrical current when exposed to light. A supporting structure connected to and supporting the canopy and permitting substantially unobstructed access by a vehicle to the sheltered area. An electrical load operatively connected to the photovoltaic device for utilizing the electrically generated by the photovoltaic device when the photovoltaic device is exposed to

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light; wherein the shelter has no walls;

That the Energy Generating Shelter System and Method conceived and reduced to practice prior to August 6, 2002 included a canopy defining a sheltered area thereunder, the sheltered area including at least one vehicle parking space. A supporting structure connected to and supporting the canopy and permitting substantially unobstructed access by a vehicle to the sheltered area. A photovoltaic device associated with the canopy, the photovoltaic device being capable of producing an electrical current when exposed to sunlight, the photovoltaic device including a light emitted coating and the photovoltaic device is capable of generating electricity from the light emitted by the light emitting coating. An electrical load operatively connected to the photovoltaic device for utilizing the electrically generated by the photovoltaic device when the photovoltaic device is exposed to light, wherein the shelter has no walls, and

- 4. That Applicant produced or had produced drawings, built scale models, and built and full scale model of the Energy Generating Shelter System and Method prior to August 6, 2002 as evidenced by Exhibit B attached hereto. Exhibit B includes drawings and sketches, produced prior to August 6, 2002 illustrating the Energy Generating Shelter System and Method;
- 5. That Applicant disclosed the Energy Generating Shelter System and Method prior to August 6, 2002 to Applicant's then Patent Attorney James D. Ryndak for the intended purpose of preparing and filing the above-referenced Patent Application. Exhibit A includes a notarized statement from the Applicant indicating the disclosure of the Energy Generating Shelter System and Method to Applicant's then Patent Attorney James D. Ryndak, prior to August 6, 2002.

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The declarant further states that the above statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine and/or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that any such willful false statement may jeopardize the validity of this application or any patent resulting therefrom.

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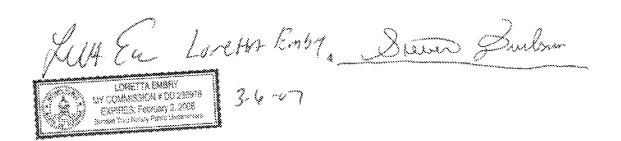
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EXHIBITS A-9 Attached

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## EXHIBIT A

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